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7.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said metering bar and said applicator are arranged to enable said metering bar to exert [exerts] a force of from about 45 g/cm width to about 900 g/cm width against said applicator.

8.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conveyor and said applicator are configured to enable said applicator to apply a coating to [is positioned relative to said applicator such that said applicator is capable of coating] the edge face of a roll of tape disposed between said [the] conveyor and said applicator.

12.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 [9], wherein said first applicator comprises a roller.

14.(Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 [9], wherein said first applicator comprises an endless belt.

16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 [9], wherein said apparatus is capable of substantially simultaneously

- a) transferring a coating composition from said first applicator to a first side of an article, and
- b) transferring a coating composition from said second applicator to a second side of the article opposite said first side of the article.

17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 [9], wherein the article is a roll of tape and said apparatus is capable of substantially simultaneously

- a) transferring a coating composition from said first applicator to a first edge face of a roll of tape, and
- b) transferring a coating composition from said second applicator to a second edge face of the roll of tape opposite said first edge face of the roll of tape.